SAMUEL BLAIR, the emigrant to America, was born in northern Ireland, June 14, 1712. He was licensed to preach in 1733, and became Pastor of Flagg's Manor Presbyterian Church, Londonderry Township, Chester County in 1739. While pastor there, he was married to FRANCES VAN HOOK, daughter of LAWRENCE VAN HOOK of New York and his wife HANNAH.

FRANCES BLAIR died 1786, the Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR died in 1751, and is buried in the Flagg's Manor Church Yard. His will is dated Mar. 30, 1751, and is recorded in Will Book #2, page 296. Probated letters Testament to his wife FRANCES and JOB RUSTON. His will was witnessed by SAMUEL FINLEY and JAMES GILLILAND.

His will:

"In the name of God, Amen: The thirteenth day of March, Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and fifty-one. I, SAMUEL BLAIR of the Township of London Derry in the County of Chester & Province of Pennsylvania, Minister of the Gospel, being thro' the Divine goodness of sound mind and perfect mind and understanding considering and calling to remembrance ye uncertainty of this transitory life that I must die and leave this present world, whenever it shall please God to call me. Do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:-

First- I do humbly & pancellly commit my soul my immortal spirit unto the hands of God who created it looking for & assur'dly expecting eternal life & blessedness in him according to the gracious tenor of his Gospel, Covenant only thro' ye meritorious medatory obedience & suffering of his incarnate son, my only Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Godman.

And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at...ye discretion of my Executors hereafter named assuredly believing that my divine Lord and Saviour will at least according to his word totally and forever destroy death and raise up my said body in the likeness of his own Glorious Body to a blessed and happy Immortality.

And for the settling of my temporal estate, I do order, devise and dispose of it in manner and form following:-

Imprimis - I do give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, FRANCES, her heirs and assigns forever ye one full half of my whole estate, real and personal. Excepting the half of what shall be expended in the maintaining & educating of my children, for my will is that the expenses of my childrens education be equally paid out of both halves of my whole estate. - I do like wise will and ordain that my said wife have the management & use of the other half of my estate while she remains unmarried.
And if she should die without marrying again after my decease, I give her full power and authority to distribute the other half of my estate both real and personal among my children as to her shall seem proper by her last Will and Testament so made and left by her, my said beloved Wife without her having married again after my decease giving, devising & disposing of the said half of my Estate among my children - Shall be of the same efficacy, sufficiency and virtue as if it had been my own last Will and Testament made and left by me. - But, in case my said wife shall marry after my decease then in that case it is my will that my Executor take the remaining half of my Estate, real and personal under their care and direction to be improved or disposed of by them to the best advantage for the benefit of my children.

And it is my will that in that case of the after marriage of my wife ye said half of my estate to be divided among my children in manner following, that is to say that the sum of twenty pounds current lawful money of Pennsylvania be given to each of my daughters ELIZABETH, MARY, HANNAH, SARAH, FRANCIS, MARTHA and SUSANNAH at the age of twenty one years respectively without any deduction from the said sum or sums for their maintenance and education.

And in case any of my daughters shall die without leaving heirs of their body lawfully gotten then what was due to such deceased daughter or daughters by this, my last Will and Testament shall be equally divided among my surviving daughters share and share alike.

Item - I do will and ordain that in case aforesaid of the after marriage of my beloved wife all the rest of ye said half of my estate real and personal shall be equally divided betwixt my three sons SAMUEL, WILLIAM LAWRENCE & ISAAC, which remainder of the said half of my estate after the deduction of twenty pounds to each of my daughters as aforesaid I give in the case aforesaid to my sons and their heirs & assigns forever. The part and portion of each one to be delivered when at the age of twenty one yrs respectively and in case either of my sons or all of them shall die without marrying then what was due shall be equally divided, among my surviving children share & share alike.

Item - I do will and ordain that my herein after named Executors and the survivor or survivors of them for and towards the performance of this my last Will & Testament shall have full power after my decease to bargain, sell and alien in fee simple all or any part of my real estate which I shall leave at my decease to any person or persons and their heirs forever by all and every such lawful ways and means in the law as to the Executors or the survivors or survivor of them or their Counsel learned in the law shall seem fitt & necessary. - And such sale of my real estate, so made shall be as good and effectual in law to all intent and purposes against my heirs.

And I hereby constitute, make and ordain FRANCES my dearly, and well beloved wife, Executrix and my loving and trusty friend.
Mr. JOB RUSTON, of the Township of Londonderry, Merchant and Mr. DAVID RAMSEY of the same township, yeoman. Executors of this, my last Will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former Wills & bequests by me made and declaring & confirming this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness. Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the Thirtieth day of March in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one.  

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED, PRONOUNCED and DECLARED by the said SAMUEL BLAIR in the presence of us ye subscribers:  

SAMUEL BLAIR  

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED, PRONOUNCED and DECLARED by the said SAMUEL BLAIR in the presence of us ye subscribers:  

SAMUEL BLAIR  

JOHN BROWN  

JAMES GILLILAND

SAMUEL and FRANCES BLAIR - Their Issue:

SAMUEL BLAIR, Jr. . . . b. 1741 - died Sept. 23, 1818  
mar. Sept. 24, 1769, SUSANNAH SHIPPEN of Germantown  
(the daughter of Dr. WILLIAM SHIPPEN)  
JOSEPH BLAIR . . . . b. 1736 - d. May 12, 1748, aged 12 yrs buried in Flaggs Manor Church yard  
WILLIAM LAWRENCE BLAIR  
ELIZABETH BLAIR  
mar. Rev. GEORGE DUFFIELD, Jr. of Philadelphia  
(her first cousin)  
MARY BLAIR  
m. Revd. DAVID RICE of Kentucky  
HANNAH BLAIR . . . . b. 1745  
m. Revd. WILLIAM FOSTER = pastor Upper Octoraro Presbyterian Church  
SARAH BLAIR  
mar. Revd. JOHN CARMICHAEL, pastor of Brandywine Manor Presbyterian Church  
MARTHA BLAIR  
m. Dr. SAMUEL EDMISTON, appointed 1777, Second Surgeon in the Military Hospital under Benjamin RUSH.  
SUSANNAH BLAIR  
m. ----? SANDERSON  
ISACC BLAIR . . . . . . b. 1750 - died July 20, 1752, age 1y 8 mo. and buried in Flagg Manor Church yard

In the burial ground of the Flagg Manor Presbyterian Church in Londonderry Twp., a marble slab is inscribed:  

"Here lyeth the body of  
the Rev. Mr. SAMUEL BLAIR,  
who departed this Life  
the 5th day of July, 1751"
Age 39 years & 21 days

"In yonder sacred House I spent my Breath,
Now silent mouldering here I lie in Death
These silent lips shall wake and yet declare
A dread Amen to Truth they publish'd there.

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DANIEL WILLIAMSON of CHESTER COUNTY

The emigrant ancestor of the WILLIAMSON family is one DANIEL WILLIAMSON, who came from England, under contract to work......for ROBERT TAYLOR, of Little Leigh, Cheshire, in the year 1682. For this he received from TAYLOR, 50 acres, and from the proprietary 50 acres of good land in Marple Township, which was then Chester County, and now Delaware County.

He married 1685, MARY SMITH and eventually moved to Newtown Township, which is also now in Delaware County. He was a member of the Society of Firends, a man of influence and frequently represented Chester county in the Provincial Assembly. He died 1727 while a member of that body. His children:

ROBERT WILLIAMSON
   b. 10 mo. 3, 1686 - m. HANNAH COPPOCK

DANIEL WILLIAMSON
   b. 8 mo. 6, 1688 - m. HANNAH MALIN

JOHN WILLIAMSON
   b. 8 mo. 6, 1690 - m. SARAH SMEDLEY
       was a minister in the Society of Friends

MARY WILLIAMSON
   b. 8 mo. 25, 1692 - m. MYRICK DAVIES

THOMAS WILLIAMSON
   b. 10 mo. 10, 1694 - m. ANN MALIN
   He settled in Edgemont Twp, Delaware County and had issue
       ( MARGARET WILLIAMSON......m. NATHAN HOOPES
           ANN WILLIAMSON............b. 1720
           THOMAS WILLIAMSON.........m. ABIGAIL JEFFERIS
           MARY WILLIAMSON...........b. 1725
           DANIEL WILLIAMSON........
           WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.......m. SARAH HOOPES (cousin)
           ROBERT WILLIAMSON.......b. 1738

ABIGAIL WILLIAMSON
   b. 1702 - m. (1) JOHN YARNALL
      (2) WILLIAM GARRETT

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